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Workforce Development Administration Goal

The D.C. Department of Human Resources (DCHR), Workforce Development Administration (WDA) provides training, workforce planning and organizational development programs and activities that increase the knowledge, skills and competencies of District government employees to enable them to provide the highest quality and most cost-effective services to the District of Columbia. The Administration is composed of the following divisions: Programs and Training.

DCHR WDA offers a complete online course catalog and a summary of the training programs. District government employees can find more information about the course schedule, individual programs, registration, and training policies on the DCHR Web site wda.dc.gov.

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Information on Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

The DCHR Workforce Development Administration offers credit in the form of continuing education units (CEUs) for all courses you take. CEUs are used nationwide to maintain records of completion of organized postsecondary education. One CEU is granted for every ten (10) hours of class participation. For those on management and other professional career paths, CEUs are widely recognized as evidence of educational attainment. You may apply these credits toward various degree programs or use them to earn or maintain professional credentials. The policies of individual academic institutions and professional organizations vary. Therefore, please check the policies of your institution or professional group. To earn CEUs and receive credit for completing the course, you must attend the entire class.

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District Personnel Manual Issuance System

E-DPM Instruction No. 13-10

This instruction may be accessed electronically at www.dchr.dc.gov, by clicking on the "District Personnel Manual" link; and the "Issuances" link for Chapter(s): **13**

SUBJECT: Attendance and Tardiness Policy – Workforce Development Administration

Date: November 3, 2011

NOTE: This Electronic-District Personnel Manual (E-DPM) instruction supersedes E-DPM Instruction No. 13-9, Attendance and Tardiness Policy – Workforce Development Administration – Amended, dated October 29, 2010.

Purpose

This E-DPM instruction sets forth the attendance and tardiness policies for District government employees attending training courses offered by the Workforce Development Administration (WDA) within the D.C. Department of Human Resources (DCHR).

Authority

D.C. Official Code § 1-613.01 *et seq.*; and D.C.M.R, Chapter 13 of the D.C. personnel regulations, Employee Development, §§ 1301.1 and 1312.1.

Policy

Attendance

All WDA training participants must attend each class session for which they have a confirmed registration and arrive on time. Participants are required to sign in both at the beginning and at the end of the class, and remain in attendance for the entire session. A "late" designation will be noted on the sign-in sheet for participants arriving during the first 15 minutes of class. Those arriving after the first 15 minutes will not be admitted, will be classified as "too late to attend" and treated as a "no-show." Participants leaving prior to the end of the session will receive a "left early" designation on the sign-in sheet and will not receive a completion status for the class. Employees' attendance information will be accessible online to managers and training coordinators via PeopleSoft.

Withdrawing

Employees who wish to withdraw from a registered class must provide notification to their agency training coordinator at least five (5) workdays prior to the start of the class. Employees

Note: E-DPM Instructions that are strictly procedural in nature have direct applicability only to agencies and employees under the personnel authority of the Mayor. Other personnel authorities or independent agencies may adopt any or all of these procedures or guidance materials for agencies and employee under their respective jurisdictions. [See DPM Chapter 2, Part II, Subpart 1, §1.3]

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who fail to notify their training coordinator during this timeframe or do not attend their confirmed class(es) will be considered “no-shows.” Employees who are no-shows for three (3) separate instructor-led training sessions will not be allowed to register for other WDA training sessions for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Effective Date

This E-DPM instruction is effective immediately.

Inquiries

All inquiries concerning the policies contained in this E-DPM instruction should be directed to the WDA by calling (202) 727-1523.



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DCHR e-Learning Program

The DCHR Workforce Development Administration E-Learning Program is an online employee training development portal designed to help District government employees advance their personal and professional development at work or at home. With the exception of MindLeaders' Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) courses, employees receive certificates upon successful mastery of each topic they study.

Available Programs

MindLeaders

MindLeaders, an online technology-based, self-paced program helps District government employees advance their professional and personal development. The online program offers more than 1000 online courses in the Business, Occupational Safety Health, and MS Office Series that are accessible at work or at home.

Online Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM) e-Learning Program

SHRM e-Learning delivers online training to District government human resource (HR) professionals through a series of HR courses facilitated by leading industry experts. The SHRM e-Learning program offers such features as recertification credits, latest HR information and critical compliance solutions. Only HR Advisors and D.C. Department of Human Resources employees are eligible to register for this online program.

Registration Procedures for DCHR e-Learning

The online courses can be accessed through the DCHR e-Learning Web site at <http://elearning.dc.gov>. Online registration forms are available for each online program. Initial registration for e-Learning must be accessed via PeopleSoft Self Service (ELM).

DCHR e-Learning Course Offerings

DCHR e-Learning (through MindLeaders) offers more than 1000 courses in the Business, Occupational Safety and Health, and MS Office Series. A complete course listing can be obtained on the DCHR e-Learning site.

Business Series

The e-Learning business series offers more than 100 categories, including the following:

- Emailing Your Way to the Top
- Communicating with Power
- Communication Fundamentals
- Presentation Fundamentals
- Innovation in the Workplace
- Leadership (Videos)
- Management Skills Introduction
- Managing Change
- Problem Solving through Productive Thinking
- Project Management
- Time Management
- Excel 2007
- Outlook 2007
- Word 2007
- PowerPoint 2007
- Computer Basics*
- Six Sigma*

Health and Wellness Series

These courses focus on improving employees' physical health and overall state of being. All courses in the Health and Wellness Series are open to all employees. Unless noted, no pre-requisites are necessary for these classes.

The Health and Wellness Series includes the following programs and courses:

- Family and Friends CPR
- Eating Well on the Run
- Line Dancing
- Zumba Dancing

100 Family and Friends CPR **PeopleSoft Title: CPR/First Aid**

3 hours (1 three-hour day–0.3 CEUs)

Description

The Family & Friends CPR course offers basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) awareness training in a dynamic group environment. This course uses the research-proven Practice-While-Watching method to provide students with the most hands-on CPR practice time possible.

Objectives

- Employees will learn how to use basic CPR in emergency situations.
- Employees will learn how to administer CPR to adults and children.
- Employees will learn how to apply and practice CPR techniques.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

102 Eating Well On The Run **PeopleSoft Title: Eating on the Run**

2 hours (1 two-hour day–0.2 CEUs)

Description

Learn tips on healthy grocery shopping, best bets for fast food and vending machines, ordering in restaurants, and eating at the office.

Objective

- Employees will learn tips on how to eat healthy with busy schedules.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

103 Line Dancing

PeopleSoft Title: Line Dancing

1 hour

Description

Line dancing is a great way to exercise, relieve stress, stimulate the mind & body and have fun. It also enhances healthy joints and flexibility. Learn how to have better rhythm and coordination. Develop a healthier lifestyle and lift your energy level and spirits.

Objective

- Employees will learn to line dance.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

105 Zumba Dancing

PeopleSoft Title: Zumba Dancing

1 hour

Description

Zumba is a fun, different & effective fusion of Latin rhythms with easy to follow moves, to create a dynamic aerobic workout!

Objective

- Employees will learn to Zumba!!

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

Computer Technology Training

The goal of computer application training at WDA is to help employees use the power of technology as a tool to work smarter, faster and more productively. Our commitment to keeping pace with change by investing in information technology also requires an investment in the ongoing development of employees' skills and knowledge.

WDA offers classroom training that encompasses most entry-level computer application in the Microsoft Office Suite. All courses are competency-based and are designed to help employees reach and maintain high levels of performance in their work environments.

WDA's Computer Technology Training section consists of three major components: the Personal Computer Applications (PCA) series, the Technical Computer Application Series and Online Training. The PCA series provides employees with the basic skills they need to effectively operate a personal computer in the workplace. The Technical Computer Application Series focuses on the District's Geographic Information Systems (DC GIS) program by providing District government employees with the skills they need to use geographic information systems (GIS) in the workplace. The Online Training component provides employees with the opportunity to take basic and advanced courses over the Web at times convenient to them. Training modules include computer desktop and advanced courses, as well as financial, project management, customer service, professional, and management development courses.

Personal Computer Application Series

The PCA Series provides employees with the basic skills they need to operate a personal computer in the workplace. It includes introductory courses that teach basic computer skills for beginners and intermediate and advanced courses for more experienced users.

The PCA Series includes the following courses:

[Introduction to Personal Computers](#)
[Microsoft Access 2007--Introductory, Intermediate, and Advanced Levels](#)

[Microsoft Excel 2007—Introductory, Intermediate, and Advanced Levels](#)
[Microsoft Office 2007—New Features](#)
[Microsoft Outlook 2007—Introductory Level](#)
[Microsoft PowerPoint 2007—Introductory Level](#)
[Microsoft Project 2007—Introductory Level](#)
[Microsoft Publisher 2007—Introductory Level](#)
[Microsoft Word 2007—Introductory, Intermediate, and Advanced Levels](#)
[Microsoft Office 2010—New Features](#)

200 Introduction to Personal Computers

PeopleSoft Title: Introduction to PCs

3 hours (1 three-hour day–0.3 CEUs)

Description

Employees will learn what a PC is and what an operating system is. They will learn basic computer skills, such as turning on a computer, logging on to Windows, and working with files. Employees will also learn to identify and use the major components of a PC, both externally and internally, including the disk drive, monitor, mouse, keyboard, and printer.

Objectives

- Learn the basic skills necessary to operate a personal computer.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

201 Microsoft Access 2007—Introductory Level

PeopleSoft Title: Access 2007 - Level I

6 hours (1 six-hour day–0.6 CEUs)

Description

Employees will learn the basic skills necessary to begin using Microsoft Access 2007. They will design and create databases, tables, queries, forms and reports.

Objectives

- Understand database concepts and terminology and explore the Microsoft Office Access 2007 environment.
- Build a new database with related tables.
- Manage the data in a table.
- Query a database using different methods.
- Design forms.
- Generate reports.

Who Should Attend

Any employee who wants to get the most out of using Access 2007

Prerequisites

Familiarity with Microsoft Windows 98, 2000, NT or XP

202 Microsoft Access 2007—Intermediate Level

PeopleSoft Title: Access 2007 - Level II

6 hours (1 six-hour day—0.6 CEUs)

Description

Employees will learn intermediate-level operations of the Microsoft Access program. This course is for individuals whose job responsibilities include maintaining data integrity; handling complex queries, forms and reports; and sharing data between Access and other applications. This course is also a prerequisite to taking more advanced courses in Access 2007.

Objectives

- Modify the design and field properties of a table to streamline data entry and maintain data integrity.
- Retrieve data from tables using joins.
- Create flexible queries to display specified records, allow for user-determined query criteria and modify data using queries.

Who Should Attend

Any employee who wants to get the most out of using Access 2007.

Prerequisites

Microsoft Access 2007—Introductory Level

203 Microsoft Access 2007—Advanced Level

PeopleSoft Title: Access 2007 - Level III

6 hours (1 six-hour day—0.6 CEUs)

Description

Employees will extend their knowledge into some of the more specialized and advanced capabilities of Microsoft Access by structuring existing data, writing advanced queries, working with macros, enhancing forms and reports and maintaining a database.

Objectives

- Structure existing data.
- Write advanced queries.
- Simplify tasks with macros.
- Make reports more effective.
- Maintain an Access database.

Who Should Attend

Employees who understand the basics of creating and using data objects, including tables, queries, forms and reports

Prerequisites

Microsoft Access 2007—Intermediate Level

204 Microsoft Excel 2007—Introductory Level

PeopleSoft Title: Excel 2007 - Level I

6 hours (1 six-hour day—0.6 CEUs)

Description

In this series beginning and intermediate Microsoft Excel users will learn about creating and editing spreadsheets, what is new in the 2007 version, the Excel interface, navigating, editing and working with text, values and formulas, printing, formatting, creating charts and databases and using images and hypertext in a spreadsheet.

Objectives

- Create a spreadsheet.
- Manage worksheets.
- Create charts and databases.
- Learn hypertext and other tips.

Who Should Attend

Any employee who wants to get the most out of using Excel 2007

Prerequisites

None

205 Microsoft Excel 2007—Intermediate Level

PeopleSoft Title: Excel 2007 - Level II

6 hours (1 six-hour day—0.6 CEUs)

Description

Employees will learn the skills and concepts necessary to work with Microsoft Excel to create templates, sort and filter data, import and export data, analyze data and work with the program on the Web.

Objectives

- Enhance the workbook.
- Automate workbook creation by using templates.
- Analyze data by using pivot tables and pivot charts.
- Work with graphic objects.
- Calculate with advanced formulas.
- Sort and filter data.

Who Should Attend

Employees with Microsoft Excel 2007—Introductory level experience who understand data types (text, numbers and formulas)

Prerequisites

Microsoft Excel 2007—Introductory Level

206 Microsoft Excel 2007—Advanced Level

PeopleSoft Title: Excel 2007 - Level III

6 hours (1 six-hour day—0.6 CEUs)

Description

Employees will extend their knowledge into some of the more specialized and advanced capabilities of Microsoft Excel by automating some common tasks, applying advanced analysis techniques to more complex data sets, collaborating on worksheets with others and sharing Excel data with other applications.

Objectives

- Increase productivity and improve efficiency by streamlining workflow.
- Collaborate with others using workbooks.
- Work with multiple workbooks.
- Use Excel with the Web.
- Structure workbooks with XML.

Who Should Attend

Employees who understand basic and intermediate levels of Excel 2007

Prerequisites

Microsoft Excel 2007—Intermediate Level

207 Microsoft Office 2007—New Features

PeopleSoft Title: MS Office 2007 New Features

3 hours (1 three-hour day—0.3 CEUs)

Description

Employees will learn the features of Microsoft Office 2007 that are new to the Office system. Employees will learn about the Microsoft Office button, Ribbon tabs and Ribbon groups, galleries, contextual Ribbon tabs, Live Preview, the Dialog Box Launcher and the Mini toolbar to name a few. Dedicated time will be given for new features in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and Access.

Objective

- Receive an introduction to the new features in Microsoft Office 2007.

Who Should Attend

Employees who have Microsoft Office 2003 experience

Prerequisites

Microsoft Office 2003

208 Microsoft Outlook 2007—Introductory Level

PeopleSoft Title: Microsoft Outlook 2007

6 hours (1 six-hour day—0.6 CEUs)

Description

In the Microsoft Outlook 2007 series of courses employees learn how to use the major components of the Outlook 2007 program: Mail, Calendar, Contacts, Tasks and Notes. Topics include navigating between Outlook modules and reading, sending, customizing and organizing e-mail messages. Employees will also find out how to schedule appointments, add and use information about contacts and create tasks and notes. In addition, they will learn about the collaboration, security and personalization features of Outlook 2007.

Objectives

- Learn how to use the basic features of Outlook 2007.
- Manage messages.
- Personalize Outlook and learn other tips.

Who Should Attend

Any employee who wants to get the most out of using Outlook 2007

Prerequisites

Familiarity with Microsoft Windows 98, 2000, NT or XP

209 Microsoft PowerPoint 2007—Introductory Level

PeopleSoft Title: Microsoft PowerPoint 2007

6 hours (1 six-hour day—0.6 CEUs)

Description

In the PowerPoint 2007 series beginning and intermediate PowerPoint users will learn about creating and editing presentations and individual slides, outlining presentations and printing presentations. They will also learn topics such as formatting presentations and slides and using masters, color schemes and templates. Employees will find out how to incorporate pictures, clip art, sound, video and animation into a presentation. Finally, employees will learn to use PowerPoint with the Internet and when collaborating with others.

Objectives

- Receive an introduction to PowerPoint.
- Maximize presentation effectiveness.
- Use color, masters and templates.
- Use drawings, charts, sound and video.
- Use animation, Web pages and collaboration.

Who Should Attend

Any employee who wants to get the most out of using PowerPoint 2007

Prerequisites

Experience with Microsoft Windows 2000 and XP and familiarity with word processing programs such as Microsoft Word

210 Microsoft Project 2007—Introductory Level

PeopleSoft Title: Microsoft Project 2007

6 hours (1 six-hour day—0.6 CEUs)

Description

Employees will learn the basics of Microsoft Office Project 2007. The course includes how to set up a project, manage project files, create a task list, schedule tasks, view a schedule, define and assign resources and costs, track a project, analyze progress, and revise a schedule.

Objectives

- Identify the steps involved in project planning and how project management software can be helpful.
- Plan a project using Microsoft Project 2007.
- Link tasks effectively and work with time constraints.
- Assign resources and their work schedules to tasks.
- Effectively use the different views and reports available in Microsoft Project 2007.

Who Should Attend

Employees who have some project management experience and are familiar with terms such as Gantt chart, task, critical path and resource, although no knowledge of Microsoft Project 2007 is required

Prerequisites

A good understanding of formal project management terminology, tools and techniques

211 Microsoft Publisher 2007—Introductory Level

PeopleSoft Title: Microsoft Publisher 2007

6 hours (1 six-hour day—0.6 CEUs)

Description

Employees will learn how to use Microsoft Publisher 2007 to create and publish a wide variety of publications for desktop printing, commercial printing, e-mail distribution or viewing on the Web.

Objectives

- Create a one-page publication.
- Modify a publication's layout and structure.
- Edit content in the publication.
- Format a publication.
- Identify the options for distributing a publication.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

Experience with personal computers, a Windows environment and word processing

212 Microsoft Word 2007—Introductory Level

PeopleSoft Title: Word 2007 - Level I

6 hours (1 six-hour day—0.6 CEUs)

Description

Employees will learn the basic skills necessary to begin using Microsoft Word 2007.

Objectives

- Create a document.
- Edit documents by locating and modifying text.
- Add tables and graphic elements to a document.
- Proof documents for accuracy.

Who Should Attend

Employees who understand basic concepts involved in working with a personal computer; no prior knowledge of Word is assumed

Prerequisites

Experience with MS Windows 98, 2000, NT or XP

213 Microsoft Word 2007—Intermediate Level

PeopleSoft Title: Word 2007 - Level II

6 hours (1 six-hour day—0.6 CEUs)

Description

Employees will learn the intermediate features of Microsoft Word 2007.

Objectives

- Manage lists.
- Present a professional appearance to documents by customizing formatting.
- Customize styles for document elements.
- Automate common tasks.
- Perform mail merges.

Who Should Attend

Employees with Microsoft Word 2007—Introductory Level experience

Prerequisites

Microsoft Word 2007—Introductory Level

214 Microsoft Word 2007—Advanced Level

PeopleSoft Title: Word 2007 - Level III

6 hours (1 six-hour day—0.6 CEUs)

Description

Employees will learn the advanced features of Microsoft Word 2007.

Objectives

- Use Microsoft Office Word 2007 with other programs.
- Collaborate on documents.
- Manage document versions.
- Add reference marks and notes.
- Use XML in Word.

Who Should Attend

Employees with Microsoft Word 2007—Intermediate Level experience

Prerequisites

Microsoft Word 2007—Intermediate Level

215 Microsoft Office 2010—New Features--NEW COURSE

PeopleSoft Title: MS Office 2010 New Features



6 hours (1 six-hour day—0.6 CEUs)

Description

Employees will learn the features of Microsoft Office 2010 that are new to the office system.

Objectives

- Employees will receive an introduction to the new features in Microsoft Office 2010.

Who Should Attend

Employees with Microsoft Office 2007—
Intermediate Level experience

Prerequisites

Microsoft Office 2007—Intermediate Level

Technical Computer Application Series

The current courses offered in the Technical Computer Application (TCA) Series focus on the District of Columbia Geographic Information Systems (DC GIS) program by providing District government employees with the skills they need to use geographic information systems (GIS) in the workplace. DC GIS includes more than 240 digital maps and associated databases. Collectively, DC GIS maps and data form a detailed knowledge base that crosses agency boundaries and supports

a wide variety of applications including homeland security, economic development, environmental protection, government operations, law enforcement, policy analysis, public works, public health, transportation and urban planning.

The TCA Series includes the following courses:

[Overview of DC GIS Using ArcGIS](#)
[ArcGIS](#)
[Google DC](#)

230 Overview of DC GIS Using ArcGIS PeopleSoft Title: Overview of DC GIS - ArcGIS

6 hours (1 six-hour day=0.6 CEUs)

Description

Through this fundamental overview of geographic information system-based DC GIS resources, employees will receive an introduction to using the applications and data.

Objectives

- Receive an overview of DC GIS usage within the District government, including examples of what District agencies are doing with the technology.
- Receive an introduction to DC GIS, including organizational structure, federated data model and logging onto DC GIS.
- Learn how to use DC GIS and find resources on <http://DCGIS.in.dc.gov>
- Understand the purpose and goals of the DC GIS Steering Committee.
- Understand geospatial services provided by the OCTO GIS Group.
- Understand geospatial services provided by the Office of Planning.
- Become familiar with the DC GIS federated data model.
- Understand DC GIS geospatial Web services.
- Gain an understanding of major DC GIS data sets, including addresses, planimetrics, imagery, real property and transportation.
- Use the DC Atlas Web-based solution and the DC Guide to Web-based solutions.
- Become familiar with DC Stat Neighborhood View.

Who Should Attend

Any employee who is interested in using GIS

Prerequisites

Experience with Microsoft Windows 98, 2000, NT or XP and good keyboard and mouse skills

232 ArcGIS

PeopleSoft Title: ArcGIS

12 hours (2 six-hour days–1.2 CEUs)

Description

Employees receive a customized introduction to ESRI's ArcGIS desktop mapping software, focused on District data and applications. They will learn fundamental GIS concepts and how to query a GIS database, manipulate tabular data, edit spatial and attribute data and present data clearly and efficiently using maps and charts.

Objectives

- Receive an introduction to DC GIS, including organizational structure, federated data model, logging onto DC GIS and finding resources on <http://DCGIS.in.dc.gov>.
- Receive an overview of ArcGIS, including capabilities and applications, interacting with the interface and basic display.
- Understand data concepts, including representing spatial data and descriptive information.
- Understand major DC GIS data sets, including addresses, planimetrics, imagery, real property and transportation.
- Learn about ArcGIS software components, such as ArcMap™, ArcCatalog™, ArcTools™ and associated extensions.
- Become familiar with spatial coordinate systems used by DC GIS.
- Learn how to query data by selecting and identifying features and creating reports and graphs.

Who Should Attend

Employees who have taken the Overview course and are interested in a more in-depth understanding of ESRI's ArcGIS application

Prerequisites

Overview of DC GIS Services Using ArcGIS; Microsoft Windows 98, 2000, NT or XP

234 Google (Earth) DC

PeopleSoft Title: Goggle (Earth) DC

6 hours (1 six-hour day–0.6 CEUs)

Description

This stand-alone course provides an introduction to Google DC, the District's customized version of Google Earth. Employees will learn how various agencies in the District are using Google DC to assist with resource management. Employees will also learn to use Google DC to visualize existing DC GIS data sets and their own data.

Objectives

- Receive an introduction to Google DC.
- Learn how agencies are using Google DC.
- Explore the Google DC interface.
- Use Google DC.
- Learn about the future of Google DC.

Who Should Attend

Employees interested in learning how to use Google DC

Prerequisites

None

Workplace Essentials Series

The Workplace Essentials Series provides courses that focus on improving employees' basic skills in customer service, written communication and analytical reasoning skills. All courses use adult learning principles and employees have ample opportunity to learn new skills and practice them in class.

The Workplace Essentials Series includes the following courses:

[Critical Thinking](#)

[Providing Quality Customer Service in Government](#)

[Writing for Essential Communication](#)

300 Critical Thinking

PeopleSoft Title: Critical Thinking

6 hours (1 six-hour day=0.6 CEUs)

[Description](#)

Critical thinking is based conceptually on the ancient Greek ideal of "living an examined life." Those who use these skills empower themselves to achieve a more practical, more logical and less stressful way of living. Through this high-impact program, employees will learn the insights, processes and applications of self-examination and improvement that will lead to greater confidence, productivity and mental alertness.

[Objectives](#)

- Sharpen analytical and cognitive thinking skills.
- View circumstances from a broader perspective.
- Evaluate, question and adjust logic and reasoning.
- Understand types of thinking and how to use each one.
- Dissect problems, assess alternatives and create and implement plausible solutions.

[Who Should Attend](#)

Open to all employees

[Prerequisites](#)

None

302 Providing Quality Customer Service in Government

PeopleSoft Title: Customer Service

6 hours (1 six-hour day–0.6 CEUs)

Description

High-quality customer service is critical for every organization. This course provides the framework for outstanding customer service techniques and best practices. Employees will learn different methodologies and acquire tools and tips to ensure that customers are impressed with the efficiency and timeliness of the service they receive and the level of professionalism with which District government employees provides service. Employees will learn about attitudes and perceptions and will take a realistic look at the day-to-day workplace.

Objectives

- Enhance the ability to handle difficult customers and situations.
- Learn how to apply flexibility and common sense so that working “by the book” does not preclude satisfying the customers.
- Understand the “real” human needs and concerns of customers who contact District agencies for assistance.
- Obtain tips on treating customers with the same degree of courtesy and respect, regardless of the circumstances.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

304 Writing for Essential Communication

PeopleSoft Title: Writing for Essential Comm

2-day class - 12 hours (2 six-hour day–1.2 CEUs)

Description

This course is a two day course designed to apply the techniques learned in previous writing classes. Participants will learn the rules and tools for getting written words across with impact and style. In this class, participants will learn how to make more visually appealing documents and prevent typical business writing errors. In addition, participants will develop skills to communicate more clearly in one-on-one or group interactions by understanding their communication style and how to use their professional voice.

Objectives

Upon completion of this class, participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate a strong understanding of grammar rules.
- Understand the proper use of common punctuation.
- Understand the purpose for writing.
- Learn to draft clear, concise and complete documents.
- Understand the DC Government format for letters and memos.
- Familiarize self with netiquette and Do’s and Don’ts of writing.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

Recommended prerequisite courses are Fundamental Sentence Structures, Complex Sentence Structures, and Advanced Grammar (DCHR e-Learning courses)

Career and Personal Development Series

The Career Development Series focuses on providing courses and seminars to assist employees with their career development and professional growth. These courses are open to all employees.

The Career Development Series includes the following courses:

[Understanding Your Personality Type: Using the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator®](#)
[Work-Life Effectiveness](#)
[Business Etiquette & Professionalism](#)
[Personal Budgeting and Practical Spending](#)
[Setting Boundaries](#)

403 Understanding Your Personality Type: Using the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator®

PeopleSoft Title: Personality - Myers-Briggs

3 hours (1 three-hour day–0.3 CEUs)

[Description](#)

The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) is an indispensable tool to help employees improve their understanding of themselves—their strengths and possible areas of weaknesses—as well as the personality types of their supervisor and co-workers.

[Objectives](#)

- Complete the MBTI assessment instrument.
- Learn about the fundamentals of their personality type.

[Who Should Attend](#)

Open to all employees

[Prerequisites](#)

None

404 Work-Life Effectiveness

PeopleSoft Title: Work-Life Effectiveness

3 hours (1 three-hour day–0.3 CEUs)

Description

Work-Life Effectiveness applies to all employees, whether they are baby boomers or generation X or Y. Demanding schedules and life's personal responsibilities frequently leave people feeling frustrated with no sense of control and productivity at work or home. In the past, this topic was not as important as it is today because people were often able to focus primarily on one major role in their life (for example, work outside of the home or stay at home) rather than juggle several combined roles that are prevalent today (for example, busy professional working parent). They will explore ways to align the working relationships among the various generations in the District government.

Objectives

- Identify how your time is spent.
- Understand how planning and prioritizing improve productivity in work and life.
- Learn strategies to integrate work and life responsibilities.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

405 Business Etiquette & Professionalism

PeopleSoft Title: Business Etiquette & Prof.

3 hours (1 three-hour day–0.3 CEUs)

Description

The way employees act dictates others' perceptions of them and, ultimately, how they perceive themselves. Etiquette, attitude, appearance, and body language are just a few of the things that influence the positive or negative image they project. Employees will explore key aspects of business etiquette to create a successful professional image that attracts respect and elicits action.

Objectives

- Understand what a professional image is and how to reshape yours for the best results.
- Understand the elements of etiquette appearance, body language, nonverbal communication and a positive, inviting attitude.
- Identify opportunities in your professional image.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

406 Personal Budgeting & Practical Spending

PeopleSoft Title: Personal Budgeting

3 hours (1 three-hour day–0.3 CEUs)

Description

Get a grip on your personal finances and learn how to live within your budget.

Objectives

- How to create a personal budget.
- Learn strategies for savvy saving and spending.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

408 Setting Boundaries

PeopleSoft Title: Setting Boundaries

3 hours (1 three-hour day–0.3 CEUs)

Description

The purpose of *setting boundaries* is to protect and take care of ourselves. We need to be able to tell other people when they are acting in ways that are not acceptable to us. It is impossible to have healthy relationships, professional or personal, without communicating directly and honestly. This course will teach you how to set boundaries with people in a clear, direct, and non-threatening way.

Objectives

- Learn to strengthen your internal boundaries.
- Work to overcome your "guilt" in setting boundaries.
- Learn to conquer your resistance when focusing on yourself.
- Finding support in setting boundaries.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

Organizational Skills Series

The Organizational Skills Series courses are designed to provide employees with an understanding of the current issues they face in today's organizations and to teach skills that will help them operate effectively. The courses in this series are open to all employees.

The Organizational Skills Series includes the following courses:

Anger Management
Communicating Non-Defensively
Developing Powerful Communication and Listening Skills
Effective Presentation Skills
Effective Time Management Skills
Handling People With Tact and Skill
Sexual Harassment
Thinking Outside of the Box
Understanding Stress and How to Manage It
Violence and Safety in the Workplace
Ethics Standards for DC Employees
Work It Out: Solving People Problems at Work
Curing the Negativity Virus
Taking Initiative: An Essential Workplace Tool
Multi-Generation Appreciation in the Workplace
Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)/Diversity
MBTI & Teams

500 Anger Management

PeopleSoft Title: Anger Management

6 hours (1 six-hour day=0.6 CEUs)

Description

Anger has many faces, from mild annoyance to full-blown rage. It is also a completely normal, usually healthy human emotion that, when not expressed appropriately, can become very destructive and lead to problems on the job, at home and with employees' health. Anger can also make employees feel as though they are at the mercy of an unpredictable and powerful emotion. Employees will learn to understand their emotions and control their anger.

Objectives

- Learn to identify the stages of anger.
- Understand what anger is and what triggers it.
- Employ strategies that help you control your anger.
- Discover other outlets for your anger.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

501 Communicating Non-Defensively

PeopleSoft Title: Communicating Non-Defensively

6 hours (1 six-hour day–0.6 CEUs)

Description

Employees sometimes express an opinion that leads others to become defensive or hostile, even though they did not mean it personally. Many people have reasons for believing they are being attacked. Defensive behavior can lead to hurt feelings, arguments, and hostilities and often affects a variety of relationships. The defensiveness chain that is created impairs communication and reduces productivity. Employees will learn five essential skills that promote a productive work environment. Employees will gain a clear understanding of why all people are naturally defensive, learn the symptoms and consequences of inappropriate defensiveness and learn how to disengage from a defensive position. Employees also will learn how to empathize with and disarm a defensive person, how to inquire and focus on the issues, how to non-defensively disclose their own needs and goals and depersonalize the issues.

Objectives

- Recognize the signs of defensiveness in yourself and others.
- Understand how defensiveness can result in a *Defensiveness Chain*.
- Take responsibility for the way you communicate by improving your self-esteem and refraining from blaming others for your own mistakes.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

502 Developing Powerful Communication and Listening Skills

PeopleSoft Title: Powerful Communication

6 hours (1 six-hour day–0.6 CEUs)

Description

The ability to communicate more effectively is often an undervalued skill. When employees' communication skills are ineffective, trust, teambuilding and performance are just a few of the many essential competencies and qualities of their lives that are compromised. Listening is easy, although many employees use only one-third of their listening capacity, but understanding is challenging. Employees will learn to expand their listening skills to capitalize on their ability to truly understand the message. They will also learn how to process greater amounts of information, retain more, read between the lines and learn how to maximize communication skills for maximum results.

Objectives

- Assess your ability to listen and retain information.
- Learn and strengthen habits for active listening.
- Identify listening barriers.
- Identify effective communication techniques.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

503 Effective Presentation Skills

PeopleSoft Title: Presentation Skills

12 hours (2 six-hour days–1.2 CEUs)

Description

Employees will learn the skills necessary to prepare and deliver lively presentations. They will master methods for speaking with authority and enthusiasm. They will learn how to organize their thoughts and data for maximum effect and how to develop eye-catching visual aids. Employees will also learn how to use nonverbal communication effectively.

Objectives

- Build rapport and credibility with the audience.
- Answer questions effectively.
- Motivate audiences to action.
- Develop audio-visual aids.
- Use effective body language, gestures and eye contact.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

504 Effective Time Management Skills

PeopleSoft Title: Time Management

3 hours (1 three-hour day–0.3 CEUs)

Description

Employees will learn simple, practical techniques to help them develop and implement effective time management skills. These techniques will show them how to identify and focus on the activities that give them the greatest returns. Investing in these time management activities will actually save them time, helping them work smarter, not harder. These same techniques will help employees overcome their work overload—a key source of stress. They will also learn about goal setting, a vitally important skill for deciding what they want to achieve with their life.

Objectives

- Learn strategies to plan and prioritize your workload.
- Learn to organize and set goals.
- Learn skills in decision making, problem solving and delegating.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

505 Handling People With Tact and Skill

PeopleSoft Title: Handling People With Tact

6 hours (1 six-hour day–0.6 CEUs)

Description

Participants will gain insight into how to communicate appropriately in sensitive situations and how to convey information in more sensitive and diplomatic ways. You will also learn to apply techniques to defuse difficult people and gain their respect.

Objectives

- Understand methods for communicating sensitive information.
- Learn how to defuse difficult people.
- Identify effective skills, techniques, tools, and tips for dealing with difficult people in a professional and effective manner.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

507 Sexual Harassment

PeopleSoft Title: Sexual Harassment

3 hours (1 three-hour day–0.3 CEUs)

Description

This training will present District government employees with a comprehensive approach to understanding, recognizing, combating, and reporting incidents of sexual harassment in the workplace. Participants will learn what constitutes sexual harassment and how to recognize the different types of sexual harassment. Through thought-provoking case studies, this interactive training will provide real world examples of how sexual harassment manifests itself in the workplace. Participants will learn the relevant laws, regulations, and policies in the District regarding sexual harassment, as well as their rights and responsibilities with regards to these laws. Upon completion of the session, participants will receive practical suggestions for preventing sexual harassment in the workplace.

Objectives

Understanding of:

- What constitutes sexual harassment, including the different types.
- District laws, regulations, and policies regarding sexual harassment.
- Employee and employer rights and responsibilities regarding sexual harassment.
- Procedures for reporting sexual harassment.
- Strategies for preventing sexual harassment.
- Suggestions on how to conduct a sexual harassment investigation.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

508 Thinking Outside the Box: Creativity and Problem Solving

PeopleSoft Title: Thinking Outside of the Box

6 hours (1 six-hour day–0.6 CEUs)

Description

Success in today's tight economy is defined by making the right decisions, solving problems that truly impede success and anticipating the trends that redefining successful organizations. Organizations that attract, retain, and develop the best thinkers and creative employees have a huge competitive advantage. Employees will learn how to improve their decision making by applying creative approaches to problem solving. They will also learn to analyze problems creatively, take steps in creative problem solving, overcome resistance to change and bring creativity to their workplace and personal life.

Objectives

- Apply creative thinking tools and techniques to create new ideas.
- Learn creative thinking skills through creative expression.
- Distinguish between normal thinking and out-of-the-box thinking.
- Learn effective problem-solving techniques.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

509 Understanding Stress and How to Manage It

PeopleSoft Title: Understanding Stress

6 hours (1 six-hour day–0.6 CEUs)

Description

In today's hectic world, stress is an inevitable emotion that affects employees personally and professionally. Because stress inducers cannot be avoided, employees need to develop tools and mechanisms to help them better manage stress. Participants will learn to understand their stress inducers and their tolerance for stress. They will explore the physiology of stress and means of managing stress to reduce it or prevent it from reaching unhealthy levels.

Objectives

- Understand your stress inducers.
- Understand the physiology of stress.
- Learn techniques to manage stress.
- Eliminate negative thinking.
- Tips to decrease stress in your life—both

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

510 Violence and Safety in the Workplace

PeopleSoft Title: Viol & Safety in the Workplace

3 hours (1 three-hour day–0.3 CEUs)

Description

Preventing workplace violence is a growing concern in the United States. Public interest and social groups are obligated to focus on several types of workplace violence such as shootings by disgruntled employees, customers, or a domestic violence/stalking relationship that can surface in the workplace. Because employees spend more waking hours at their workplace than they do at home, it is important for them to understand how they can keep themselves safe and avoid incidents of workplace violence. In this class employees will learn about the District of Columbia Workplace Violence Policy, practical techniques for increasing personal safety, and procedures for ensuring a safe and secure workplace.

Objectives

- Recognize the types of workplace violence.
- Understand the District’s Workplace Violence Policy.
- Learn workplace safety requirements.
- Recognize and avoid potential hazards in the workplace.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

511 Ethics Standards for DC Employees

PeopleSoft Title: Ethics Standards—DC Employees

3 hours (1 three-hour day–0.3 CEUs)

Description

Employees may wonder if it is okay for a consultant to pay for their lunch or if they can get into trouble for accepting a fruit basket or sports tickets that someone sends them. Employees will learn about District government employee conduct regulations, laws governing ethics, acceptable behavior and potential ethical pitfalls for District government employees.

Objective

- Understand the rules governing District government employee conduct.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

512 Work It Out: Solving People Problems at Work

PeopleSoft Title: Work It Out

6 hours (1 six-hour day–0.6 CEUs)

Description

Believe it or not, if you change your approach most conflicts can be resolved more effectively and with less stress, tension, anxiety, and fear. Participants will learn successful, time-tested techniques to better manage conflicts and confrontations so they can diffuse issues before they escalate into destructive situations.

Objectives

- Understand the principles of communication, interaction, and conflict.
- Identify healthy and unhealthy aspects of conflict and confrontation.
- Re-direct unhealthy conflict and confrontation into healthy, productive, problem-solving.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

513 Curing the Negativity Virus

PeopleSoft Title: Curing the Negativity Virus

3 hours (1 three-hour day–0.3 CEUs)

Description

Negativity in the workplace can result in lowered productivity and increased unhappiness. This course addresses various aspects of negativity and participants will learn and apply techniques to improve workplace morale.

Objectives

- Identify the types of negativity in the workplace.
- Apply strategies to cure negativity.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

514 Taking Initiative: An Essential Workplace Tool

PeopleSoft Title: Taking Initiative

6 hours (1 six-hour day–0.6 CEUs)

Description

Initiative is about **taking** steps to make your agency better, not about wasting time tackling unimportant matters. Showing **initiative** is about going beyond simply "doing your job". This class will enable participants to identify ways to show their leadership skills by taking the initiative in their workplace.

Objectives

- Understand the value of taking the initiative in the workplace.
- Identify strategies for taking the initiative.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

515 Multi-Generation Appreciation in the Workplace

PeopleSoft Title: Multi-Generation Appreciation

3 hours (1 three-hour day–0.3 CEUs)

Description

Participants will learn about the four generations in today’s workplace and explore ways to better communicate and interact with each generation.

Objectives

- Define the four generations that comprise today’s workplace and their unique demographics.
- Develop an understanding and appreciation of generational differences and strengths.
- Discover how to bring all employees into the mix by accepting them for their abilities – not their appearance.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

516 Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)/Diversity

PeopleSoft Title: EEO/Diversity

3 hours (1 three-hour day–0.3 CEUs)

Description

This training provides an overview of the workplace EEO laws that would be beneficial to all employees. In addition, attendees will learn about the specific EEO laws enforced by the District of Columbia including the District of Columbia Human Rights Act, the District of Columbia Family and Medical Leave Act, the Parental Leave Act, and the Language Access Act.

Furthermore, the Office of Human Rights (OHR) will discuss the importance of diversity for all levels of employees including managers and employees. This aspect of the training is designed to increase participant awareness of the impact diversity has on the workplace. Attendees will have the opportunity to reflect on their own stereotypes and biases through group interaction, while gaining an understanding of how stereotypes and biases affect behavior.

Objectives

Understanding of:

- What diversity means and why it is important.
- Stereotypes and bias and their impact on your organization.
- The mission of the Office of Human Rights (OHR).
- The local and federal equal employment opportunity laws.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

517 MBTI & Teams

PeopleSoft Title: MBTI & Teams

3 hours (1 three-hour day–0.3 CEUs)

Description

In today's changing world of work, teams are becoming increasingly varied and complex. This workshop presents a framework designed to cut through the complexity and enable teams to function more productively. The MBTI tool is a natural for this task because it is based on the premise that we all have unique gifts to offer and challenges to overcome. We will address six core issues affecting teams: *communication, culture, leadership, change, problem solving/conflict resolution, and stress.*

Objectives

- Learn to value and work with the strengths of others.
- Align an individual's MBTI preferences to particular team tasks.
- Identify team assets and blind spots.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

Understanding Your Personality Type: MBTI—administered to your specific agency team. Special arrangements are made by contacting Steven Conley, 202-442-9664

Human Resources Development Series

DCHR’s Human Resources Development Series offers a variety of learning opportunities for District human resources (HR) professionals. Although the courses are designed primarily for HR personnel who must acquire expertise or stay current in their career field, other employees can benefit from the instruction. Some courses are specifically designed to help managers and supervisors understand and manage their HR responsibilities. Other courses address the human resource needs of organizations.

The Human Resources Development Series includes the following courses:

[Human Resource Management—EEO/Diversity](#) *(Supervisors and Managers only)*

[Human Resources Management—A Management Guide for Progressive Discipline](#) *(Supervisors and Managers only)*

601 Human Resources Management—EEO/Diversity and Sexual Harassment *(Supervisors only)*

PeopleSoft Title: HR Management/EEO/Diversity

6 hours (1 six-hour day–0.6 CEUs)

[Description](#)

Managers and supervisors will receive introductory information for addressing the issue of diversity in the workplace. Employees will explore some reasons for the ongoing changes and composition of the workforce and how to develop productive and inclusive workplace environments. They will also receive a description of legal guidelines and legislation governing employment discrimination in the workplace and will learn about the different types of discrimination and employee rights under the law and the use of Affirmative Defense.

[Objectives](#)

- Explore best practices for nurturing diversity in the District government.
- Understand the meaning of diversity.
- Define sexual harassment.
- Define the different types of discrimination.
- Learn reporting procedures.

[Who Should Attend](#)

MSS and Non-MSS managers and supervisors only

[Prerequisites](#)

None

602 Human Resources Management—A Management Guide for Progressive Discipline *(Supervisors only)*

PeopleSoft Title: Progressive Discipline

6 hours (1 six-hour day–0.6 CEUs)

Description

Managers and supervisors will receive tools for solving performance and conduct issues through progressive discipline. They will learn the benefits of disciplinary and no disciplinary actions; the differences between corrective action and adverse action; and the procedural steps outlined in chapter 16 of the District Personnel Manual (DPM) for administering corrective and disciplinary actions, from verbal counseling to summary removals.

Objectives

- Identify the difference between a corrective action and an adverse action.
- Understand how to use the DPM as a resource for the Progressive Discipline Process.
- Understand progressive discipline procedures.

Who Should Attend

MSS and Non-MSS managers and supervisors only

Prerequisites

None

604 DC Family Medical Leave Act (DCFMLA)

PeopleSoft Title: DCFMLA

3 hours (1 three-hour day–0.3 CEUs)

Description

This training provides an overview of the DC Family and Medical Leave Act. It will give a detailed description of what eligible employees are entitled to under the law and will provide a framework so that employers are compliant with the law. The training will also will provide information regarding medical leave, family leave, serious health conditions and the importance of designating leave.

Objectives

Understanding of:

- Eligibility under the DC Family and Medical Leave Act
- Notice requirements for employees and managers (employers)
- Interplay between local and federal law
- Importance of designating leave
- Legal repercussions if a violation is found

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

606 Language Access

PeopleSoft Title: Language Access

3 hours (1 three-hour day-0.3 CEUs)

Description

The Office of Human Rights (OHR) provides Language Access Compliance Training that can be tailored for both managers and/or employees. This training provides an overview of the DC Language Access Act of 2004, which covers District government agencies, departments or programs that furnish information or render services, programs, or activities directly to the public. It also covers agencies which contract with other organizations to conduct programs, services, or activities to the public on their behalf. In addition, attendees will learn about tools to assist limited and non-English proficient (LEP/NEP) customers, guidelines on how to interact with LEP/NEP customers, and legal requirements. This training consists of a lecture and film to help managers and employees comply with the guidelines that constitute model customer service and equitable behavior in the workplace.

Objectives

Understanding of:

- The federal framework for language access.
- The DC Language Access Act.
- Requirements for interpretation and translation of vital documents.

Who Should Attend

Open to all employees

Prerequisites

None

Professional Development Series

The Professional Development Series focuses on providing courses and seminars to help employees stay current or advance in their careers. Where indicated, some of the courses are restricted to employees in specific occupational groups.

The Professional Development Series includes the following programs and courses:

Train the Trainer

702 Train the Trainer

PeopleSoft Title: Train the Trainer

12 hours (2 six-hour days–1.2 CEUs)

Description

Employees who are accountable for training in their organization will learn the essential skills for transferring knowledge to adult learners in a way that is educational, interesting and interactive.

Objectives

- Learn the essential skills for teaching adult learners.
- Design and develop training that “sticks.”
- Create a learning environment that is conducive to learning and is fun.
- Learn skills that will increase your confidence and credibility.

Who Should Attend

HR/training professionals, subject matter experts and other employees who are assigned training responsibilities

Prerequisites

None

Management and Leadership Development Series

These courses are offered to Managers, Supervisors, and non-supervisory employees.

Performance Management

Procurement

Writing for the Professional

Understanding the District's Budget

Budgeting for Agency Operations

905 Performance Management

PeopleSoft Title: Performance Management

6 hours (1 six-hour day–0.6 CEUs)

Description

This course introduces *Performance Management*, a system by which performance expectations and objectives are identified, measured and evaluated. Participants will be introduced to the *Performance Management* theory process and the yearly performance management cycle.

Objectives

- Review behavior-based competencies.
- Learn how to write S.M.A.R.T. goals.
- Development an IDP (Individual Development Plan).
- Provide performance-based feedback to employees.

Who Should Attend

MSS and Non-MSS employees from participating agencies; nonunionized Career Service supervisors; uniformed members of the Metropolitan Police Department at the ranks of lieutenant, captain, inspector, commander and assistant chief.

Prerequisites

None

907 Procurement

PeopleSoft Title: Procurement

6 hours (1 six-hour day–0.6 CEUs)

Description

Public managers will receive an introduction to the skills and knowledge necessary to manage procurement, contracting and outsourcing activities. Managers will also be exposed to current and relevant case studies, from which they can draw principles to implement in their own organizations.

Objectives

- Understand the responsibilities of line or program managers in the acquisition of goods and services, particularly in the day-to-day administration of procurement contracts and contractor relationships.
- Become familiar with the various types of contracts (e.g., fixed price, cost plus) and their relative strengths and weaknesses; be able to analyze a potential outsourcing situation or opportunity and understand how to develop a satisfactory statement of work.

Who Should Attend

MSS managers and supervisors only
(CPM graduates are exempt)

Prerequisites

910 Writing for the Professional

PeopleSoft Title: Writing for the Professional

6 hours (1 six-hour day–0.6 CEUs)

Description

Managers and supervisors will learn the fundamentals of effective writing, including a review of grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, word choice, reasoning and organization. Leaders will complete an in-class writing assignment to assess their current proficiency level.

Objectives

- Recognize obstacles to effective writing: ambiguity, wordiness and poor organization.
- Review basics in subject-verb agreement, subject-pronoun agreement, correct verb tenses and correct sentence structure.
- Learn correct formatting of business letters.

Who Should Attend

MSS managers and supervisors only

Prerequisites

None

911 Understanding the District's Budget

PeopleSoft Title: District Budget

3 hours (1 three-hour day–0.3 CEUs)

Description

This course will provide participants with an overview of the District's budget cycle and processes.

Objectives

This course will provide participants with an:

- Explanation of the budget formulation, approval, and execution phases.
- Understanding of the roles played by key stakeholders.
- Up-to-date look at policy issues that impact the budget.

Who Should Attend

Employees with District fiscal responsibilities

Prerequisites

None

912 Budgeting for Agency Operations

PeopleSoft Title: Budgeting for Agency Ops

6 hours (1 six-hour day–0.6 CEUs)

Description

This course will provide managers or aspiring managers with an understanding of roles and responsibilities of key agencies and offices involved in the budgetary process.

Objectives

- Each phase of the process (formulation, approval, execution, audit).
- Budgeting terminology, formats, codes, and documents.
- Funding sources and budget modifications.
- Spending plans and forecasting practices.
- Reports used to monitor and control spending
- Critical issues in public budgeting.

Who Should Attend

Employees with District fiscal responsibilities

Prerequisites

None

Contracting and Procurement Skills Series

For the Contracting and Procurement Skills Series, DCHR has partnered with the Office for Contracting and Procurement (OCP) to offer essential, District-focused courses in contracting and procurement.

Employees who want more information should contact the Office of Contracting and Procurement at (202) 727-0252.

The Contracting and Procurement Skills Series includes the following courses:

[Introduction to D.C. Government Contracting: The Basics](#)
[Contract Administrator Training](#)
[Creating Effective Statements of Work](#)
[D.C. Government Purchase Card Program](#)
[Competitive Small Purchase/Contract File Compliance](#)
[Procurement Dynamics](#)
[PASS Buyer](#)
[PASS Analysis](#)

1010 Introduction to D.C. Government Contracting: The Basic PeopleSoft Title: DC Government Contracting

2 hours (1 two-hour day–0.2 CEUs)

[Description](#)

This course is an overview of the procurement process, covering the basic stages of purchasing. Focus is on developing insights into the roles and responsibilities of the requesting agency and the procurement office. Topics include identifying your need, selection and award and contract administration.

The purpose of this training is to provide a general understanding of how goods and services are purchased in the Government of the District of Columbia.

[Objectives](#)

- Understand and define key terms used in the procurement process
- Identify the different stages in the procurement process
- Understand the relevance of purchase levels and how they affect your procurement
- Understand the relevance of the Procurement Automated Support System (PASS)
- Realize the importance of procurement planning
- Realize the importance of the procurement request package
- Have an understanding of the various roles and responsibilities involved in the procurement process

[Who Should Attend](#)

Open to all Employees

[Prerequisite](#)

None

1020 Contract Administrator Training PeopleSoft Title: Contract Admin Training

6 hours (1 six-hour day–0.6 CEUs)

Description

As a designated representative acting on behalf of the government during the contracting process, the Contract Administrator (CA) is in a position of great responsibility. Directly interfacing with contractors, CAs are responsible for keeping Contracting Officers fully informed on a project's progress and must monitor, inspect and accept work performed under the contract. Additionally, the CA is responsible for the technical administration of a contract and may advise contractors on the full range of technical matters having an impact on contractor's performance.

This course is a comprehensive training on managing contract awards and the performance situations facing Contract Administrators. Emphasis is placed on providing attendees with guidance on actions necessary to ensure that a contract's goals are successfully met.

Objectives

- Understand the roles and responsibilities of a COTR
- Become familiar with various types of contracts and methods of contracting
- Understand the uniform contract format
- Understand contract monitoring
- Understand the automated evaluation system (e-Val)
- Discuss things you should do and should NOT do during when monitoring contracts

Who Should Attend

District employees designated as COTRs

Prerequisite

Introduction to D.C. Government

Contracting: The Basics

1040 Creating Effective Statements of Work PeopleSoft Title: Statements of Work

6 hours (1 six-hour day–0.6 CEUs)

Description

Creating Effective Statements of Work (SOW) demonstrates the importance of the statement of work (SOW) in achieving successful procurement outcomes and ensuring that District agencies and departments obtain the goods and services needed to achieve their missions. The course discusses how the development of a sound SOW is key to establishing the foundation for any purchase.

Objectives

- Understand the importance of the SOW
- Understand the different types of SOWs
- Understand the components of a SOW
- Understand tips for creating SOW

Who Should Attend

Requisitioners and program/project managers

Prerequisite

Introduction to D.C. Government Contracting: The Basics (*recommended*)

1180 D.C. Government Purchase Card Program

PeopleSoft Title: DC Gov PCard

3 hours (1 three-hour day–0.3 CEUs)

Description

The District's P-Card Program offers a convenient way for agencies to procure goods and services under \$2,500. The P-Card provides an alternative method of procurement that reduces the processing cost and delivery time for small dollar purchases.

This course provides a look into this structured program for facilitating the acquisition and issuance of purchase cards to agencies deemed responsible enough to use and manage the card to buy commercially available goods and services. Components of the Purchase Card Program training cover the roles and responsibilities, standards for usage of the purchase card and compliance and oversight.

Objectives

- Understand the benefits of the purchase card program
- Understand the roles and responsibilities in having a purchase card
- Understand inappropriate use and prohibited items
- Understand the travel function of the card
- Understand the reconciliation process (PaymentNet)

Who Should Attend

Card holders, approving officials, agency program coordinators, designated billing officials

Prerequisite

Introduction to D.C. Government
Contracting: The Basics (*recommended*)

1310 Competitive Small Purchase/Contract File Compliance

PeopleSoft Title: Competitive Small Purchase

6 hours (1 -hour day–0.6 CEUs)

Description

This course focuses on the importance and expectation of procurement documents included in a procurement file. Training offers group exercises and encourages group discussion to hone in on trouble areas.

Competencies

Understanding the Business of DC Government

Who Should Attend

Office of Contracting & Procurement Employees ONLY

Prerequisite

None

6110 Procurement Dynamics

PeopleSoft Title: Procurement Dynamics

1.3 hours

Description

For OCP procurement personnel only. This series of training breaks down specific topics and nuances in the procurement arena and analyzes the obstacles many professionals face. These sessions focuses on group discussion and perspectives.

Competencies

Understanding the Business of DC Government

Who Should Attend

OCP Employees ONLY

Prerequisite

None

7100 PASS Buyer

PeopleSoft Title: PASS Buyer

4 hours

Description

This course is a requirement for anyone who needs to access the Procurement Automated Support System (PASS) to submit or process requisitions for the District. The training in this course focuses on the general use of the system, submitting purchase requests, searching for data and making changes in roles and responsibilities.

Competencies

Understanding the Business of DC Government

Who Should Attend

All District Employees

Prerequisite

None

7110 PASS Analysis

PeopleSoft Title: PASS Analysis

4 hours

Description

This course is a requirement for anyone who needs to access the Procurement Automated Support System (PASS) to submit or process requisitions for the District. The training in this course focuses on specific methods of retrieving purchasing data from the system.

Competencies

Understanding the Business of DC Government

Who Should Attend

All District Employees

Prerequisite

None

2000 Reasonable Suspicion Training

PeopleSoft Title: Reasonable Suspicion

5 hours (1 five-hour day–0.5 CEUs)

Description

Managers and supervisors will receive an overview of the District’s Drug-Free Workplace Program that includes drug and alcohol education, the DCHR Drug and Alcohol Policy and instruction in making reasonable suspicion determinations. Upon successful completion, leaders will be qualified to make formal observations of suspected substance use and submit referrals for reasonable suspicion testing.

This training is mandatory pursuant to the Child and Youth Safety and Health Omnibus Amendment Act for all managers and supervisors in covered agencies who supervise safety-sensitive employees. According to Chapter 39 of the DPM, safety-sensitive employees are those employees who have direct contact with children and youth and whose performance of their duties may affect the health, welfare or safety of children or youth.

Objective

- Learn about the District’s Drug-Free Workplace Program.

Who Should Attend

Managers and supervisors of safety-sensitive employees

Prerequisites

None

2001 Employee Drug and Alcohol (EDA) Education

PeopleSoft Title: EDA Education

4 hours (1 four hour day-0.4CEUs)

Description

This course provides an overview of the District’s Drug Free Workplace program, to include drug and alcohol education and the DCHR Drug and Alcohol Policy. This training is mandatory pursuant to the Child and Youth Safety and Health Omnibus Amendment Act of 2004 for all employees in covered agencies who occupy safety-sensitive positions. Safety-sensitive employees are those employees who have direct contact with children and youth, and/or whose regular duties may affect the health, welfare, or safety of children or youth.

Objectives

- Learn the requirements and responsibilities of the DCHR Drug and Alcohol Policy.
- Understand the prevalence of alcohol and drug abuse and its impact on the workplace.
- How to recognize the link between poor performance and/or alcohol and drug abuse.
- The progression of the disease of addiction.
- What types of assistance may be available.

Who Should Attend

Safety-sensitive employees and those employees who have direct contact with children and youth

Prerequisites

None

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Meeting Place:

DCHR Suite 850N
441 4th St NW
Washington, DC 20001

District: 36

Club Number: 1346349

Charter Date: 06/12/2009

Meeting Time:

12:00 p.m., 2nd & 4th Wednesday